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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please add the following new Claims 30-57.

30. (Added) A method of treatment for gastritis, comprising administering a teprenone composition to a patient, wherein the teprenone composition comprises predominately the 6,10,14,18-tetramethyl-5E,9E,13E,17E-nonadecatetraen-2-one isomer.

31. (Added) A method, as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the teprenone composition comprises at least 75% of the 6,10,14,18-tetramethyl-5E,9E,13E,17E-nonadecatetraen-2-one isomer.

32. (Added) A method, as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the teprenone composition comprises at least 90% of the 6,10,14,18-tetramethyl-5E,9E,13E,17E-nonadecatetraen-2-one isomer.

33. (Added) A method, as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the teprenone composition comprises at least 95% of the 6,10,14,18-tetramethyl-5E,9E,13E,17E-nonadecatetraen-2-one isomer.

34. (Added) A method, as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the teprenone composition is produced by a process, comprising:

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